

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0023]:

[0023.1] The second end 44 of the body portion 24 further includes a chamfer 45. Chamfer 45 facilitates entry of interconnecting shaft 30 into the inner cavity 26 of boot 12.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The body portion 24 of the boot 12 is manufactured from a foam based material such as a closed cell silicone based molded foam, or a foam rubber. In the preferred embodiment, the foam based material has a closed cell construction. The foam based material has a density in a range from 10 kg/m.sup.3 to 27 kg/m.sup.3. The foam based material in the best mode, a heat resistance to 450.degrees Fahrenheit.